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1. In October 1952 a shipment of 40 carloads of canned fish and canned meats arrived by rail in Frankfurt/Oder and was stored in the cellars of the Ostquellbrauerei at the intersection of Pieckstrasse (formerly Fuerstenwalderstrasse) and Theaterstrasse, near Platz der Republic. It is estimated that each carload weighs eight tons; none of the canned food has been placed on sale at HO shops, nor has it been offered for sale in privately owned stores. The agency responsible for this shipment is the food office of the East German Ministry of Economic Affairs (sic).
2. The Soviet Military Administration is completing two very large gasoline and oil storage depots in the Frankfurt/Oder area. The first, probably already in use, is located on the outskirts of Migsdorf near Fuerstenberg, a small village approximately 10 kilometers from Frankfurt. The other, still under construction, is located at Wilmersdorf near Carow. Rumors have circulated that each installation is designed to store gasoline and oil in excess of one million liters. Both fuel dumps are concrete underground reservoirs, with elaborate pumping and distributing facilities. They are camouflaged, but rail sidings lead to both of them and new roads permit traffic to approach them. They are equipped with elaborate electric warning and fire detection devices.

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